

Twelve police officers and two police civilians preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

Twelve police officers and two police civilians, aged between 26 and 53, respectively posted to Police Headquarters, Kwun Tong District, Central District, Central Traffic Prosecutions Division, Western Division, Sham Shui Po Division, Lok Ma Chau Division, Marine West Division and Police Sports and Recreation Club, preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

The officers were arranged for COVID-19 test and preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday (February 8) and today (February 9). They have no travel history in the past 14 days. They wore face masks during their tour of duty. Their last working days were between January 28 and February 8.

Police are highly concerned and have the following messages:

(1) While awaiting further assessment and recommendation by the Department of Health (DH), all police officers and civilian staff who might have been in contact with the officers concerned have been arranged to undergo COVID-19 test as instructed by the DH;

(2) All facilities in the offices concerned have been sterilised;

(3) All officers have been reminded to reduce social contact to minimise risks of infection, and to pay attention to physical health. If feeling unwell, they should consult a doctor and report the case immediately;

(4) Police will deploy resources flexibly to ensure provision of policing services of the areas concerned remains unaffected.

Police will maintain close communication with the DH and provide assistance in tracing the pathology by proactively providing information such as the duty record and roster of the officers concerned, and follow relevant quarantine arrangements.